

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and claims 17-30, as amended, are presented herewith for the Examiner's review and consideration.

Applicant repeats and adopts herein the comments made in response to the final rejection in the amendment that was note entered by the Examiner. The claims were amended to focus the invention on what it is: a soil treating agent. This is not a new use for an old solution, but instead is a new invention directed to a new agent for treating soil to retain water therein to assist in crop growth. Thus, the invention is not directed to any composition or solution or to an intended use of such a composition or solution.

In addition, claims 6 and 25 were amended to recite that the soil to be treated comprises sand. These types of soils are the ones that are in the most need of treatment to retain water therein so that crops planted in the soil can grow without requiring excessive watering. Finally, claim 28 was amended to eliminate the agrochemical principle that is recited in other claims. There is no teaching in the art to simply use the combination of components recited in claim 28 as a soil treating agent. As no new matter has been introduced by these claim changes, they should be entered at this time.

In view of the comments made in applicants' prior response, all rejections based on the Brown patent have been overcome and should be withdrawn. Accordingly, the entire application is now believed to be in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree that all claims are patentable, then a personal or telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues in order to expedite the eventual allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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